

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

It is noted that the claims are presented as if the amendments previously submitted in the Amendment filed on September 22, 2011 have been entered.

At the outset, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Akram for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Richard Jordan, at the telephonic interview of January 24, 2011. The following includes a summary of the substance of the interview. Agreement was reached that the amendments to the claims contained herein would likely overcome the current rejections based on the references of record.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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